

**In the Abstract**

(Currently Amended) The invention relates to a medical instrument, in particular an endoscopic instrument, with an instrument shaft (1), a tool (2) positioned on the distal end of the instrument shaft (1), and a handle (3), which can be secured on the instrument shaft (1) so that it can be moved in an axial extension of the instrument shaft (1). In order to create an instrument which makes possible a comfortable, safe, and reliable handling even with the most varied application purposes, it is proposed with the invention that the handle (3) can be secured on the instrument shaft (1) so that it can be moved by at least one degree of freedom with respect to the instrument shaft (1).